

NEW LINE OF TALK FOR WASHINGTON

Discussing Chances for
Sixth Place Seems
Like Dream.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Baseball luck is something like luck in poker, according to those who have played it. The fact that a man has been a loser for a long time in an exposition of the great international pastime and finally gets a straight or flush pat, that is the psychological moment for a winner who has been enduring a temporary setback to his fullness and make a killing.

Thus it is in the great national outdoor pastime. A losing team that has been making one or two runs to a game for a week or month suddenly gets very active and pounds out a dozen tallies in one session of nine innings, and that is just the day fate selects for the other fellows to also make a large score with a few more runs than the aforesaid losers.

Also, the same contrariness of the field goddess shows in the standing column. Washington had been plugging away, slowly but surely overhauling Detroit, and finally passed the Tigers into sixth place by a victory last Saturday. Then, on Sunday, when Washington was helpless and inactive, the Tigers jumped in and won two from St. Louis, bringing them even with the Cantillon men.

Today Washington is tied for sixth place and has a man's size job to stay there by beating the Athletics, for Connie Mack is not given to allowing the likes of Washington to win three in a row. Should the Nationals win they will have the buge on Detroit, for the likes of the Western teams are playing today, being on their way East, and the Tigers will have to start with a victory on foreign soil to catch our brave boys.

This may seem like a long-winded dissertation on the prospects of remaining in such a humble berth as sixth place, but it has been so long since a Washington baseball writer has had a chance to discuss the team's prospects for anything except making a higher percentage in eighth place than the tail-ender in the National League, or some such abstruse and unedifying proposition, that we are indulging in the gloat herewith, whether the fans read it or not.

Elit Cates and Street will probably be the Washington battery this afternoon. Cates combines a spitball with a good baseball head, a vast amount of experience, a cheerful and willing disposition, and a willingness to fling anything at the opposition.

While pitching for Oakland in the Pacific Coast League, last year, he won twenty-six games and lost twenty-three. He struck out 23 men, an average of almost five to a game, and passed 141, an average of almost three per game. These figures are those of a spitball artist. When the wet shoots are not going good they are responsible for numerous bases on balls, and when the twirler is in fine fettle he moweth down the opposition.

With us Cates' principal duty has been to do the martyr act. When the enemy struck a batting streak that could not be stopped with the aid of a net, Cates was tossed into the breach to induce in harmless practice for himself. With such a role he could not well make a hit, especially as he is a warm weather pitcher, and today will be his first real test.

Connie Mack is figuring on Dygert and Schreck as his battery. As Dygert also depends upon the saliva shoots, we are in for a sloppy session all around.

The Western teams open in the East tomorrow. First to face Washington will be St. Louis, which will be here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Next comes Chicago on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Detroit hits here Thursday of next week and plays Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Cleveland arrives Tuesday and Monday. The Washington team leaves for Boston, where it will play May 19 and two games on Decoration Day.

The jump to Boston means the club

CARTOONIST'S IDEA OF ATHLETICS' RUDE JAR



ENTRY LIST GROWS FOR PRESTON MEET

Local Athletes Out in Force
for Games on Decora-
tion Day.

With the entry blanks for the big outdoor meet of the Preston University School, to be held on Decoration Day, at the American League Park, only a week the inquiries would seem to indicate that the affair will prove a big success.

While it is a trifle early to figure on the number of entrants, yet it is a safe prediction that Washington will see one of the biggest crowds ever witnessed at an outdoor meet. As Washington has not seen any open outdoor games for a long period, the last big meet having been given under the auspices of Georgetown University for the benefit of the crew, on Labor Day four years ago, the local athletes have taken to the events with readiness. The track that will be used on May 30 will be about 230 yards to the lap, and will be as constructed as to give the spectators an opportunity to witness all of the games.

The two mile promises to be the big hit of the day, and if the number of entries that have been promised materialize, the crowd should be given enough sport in this event alone to satisfy them. The strong Bloomingdale Athletic Club, whose successful cross-country run of the early spring is still the talk of the town, has signified its intention of entering ten men. With these experienced cross-country runners in the going, there will be a warm contest for the first place. Much team work will be seen for the greater part of the route. George Washington will be well represented, and in this event will make the home crowd. The Baltimore entrants have not all sent in their entries, but if the matter can be arranged the affair will take on the aspect of a dual contest between the Oriole City and Washington. Washington has some good men, the Baltimore and the other contingent all the fight that is looked for.

School Boy Run.

Another novel feature of the day will be the 1,000-yard run for the school boys. This event is popular in the North, but is not so well known here. There will be a determined effort to get out the middle distance men and the mileers to compete in this. The distance is just 120 yards over the half mile and the outdoor record is held by the famous runner, Len Meyers, who won the route in 1901 at New York on an outdoor track in two minutes and thirteen seconds. The indoor record was made, and is now held by Melvin Sheppard, who at Madison Square Garden in November, 1906, traversed the distance in two minutes and seventeen and four-fifths seconds. Considering the difference in time this indoor record is really a wonderful piece of work. The management will make every effort to allow some of the local boys to take a try at this distance. The high schools have some ambitious youngsters, and this number should bring out the best that the educational institutions can offer.

Seitz May Compete.

A strenuous effort is being made to secure Charles Seitz, the indoor champion, to compete. It is more than likely that he will be entered in the sports. Seitz made his records for the sixty and seventy-five yards at Madison Square Garden two years ago, going the first in six and three-fifths seconds, and the latter in eight. It is with considerable difficulty that he will attend, if he does attend, for there are a great many games going on in New York on that day, chief among these being the games of the New York Athletic Club. Seitz is a star member of this club, but it is hoped that he can be induced to come here. He will make a superb attraction.

Rector, the University of Virginia, has been invited, and if Lanigan, the old Cornell coach, who has charge of the Charlottesville squad, thinks that his boy is sufficiently fit, he will send him on here to try him out against Seitz. Rector injured one of the tendons of his leg shortly after the indoor games of the Richmond Intercollegiate Club held at the Richmond Horse Show building in March of this year, and his injury is bothering him still. There should be a good crowd of entries from the crack Southern university, as it will prove a good try out for some of the men.

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HIGH WINDS MAR ANALOSTAN SHOOT

Small Number of Marksmen Who
Turn Out Make Low
Scores.

The high winds that have prevailed since the shooting season was opened by the Analostan Gun Club has interfered early with the attendance, and scores of its members.

Saturday the competition had to shoot in another gale of wind and a glance at the scores, given in detail below, will give the reader an idea of the force of the gale. The club had as visitors Lynn Worthington and John Hawkins, representatives of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

The scores follow:

Names.	Shot at.	Broke.
Dr. Sime	100	57
J. H. Hunter	100	78
Worthington	100	72
Dr. Coby	100	26
Dr. Shoup	100	43
C. B. Wise	100	20
C. S. Wilson	100	32
M. Taylor	100	28
M. D. Hogan	100	31
Dr. Morroe	100	39

IRWIN'S OUTLAWS BLANK PATERSON

Murray Goes in for Wash-
ington in Third
Session.

PATERSON, N. J., May 11.—Arthur Irwin's bandits yesterday shut out the Paterson team by 4 to 0 in one of the most exciting contests seen on that field this season.

Although it was not needed, Washington made another of those Garrison finishes in the ninth inning for which they are noted, by scoring three runs and clinching the game. Irwin's new acquisition, Zannelli, was the hero of the fray by making one hit, a run, and accepting four hard chances.

Longstreet, a capable youngster, was on the slab for the visitors, but had a tendency to be wild. Murray was substituted in the third and allowed the home team but two scattered hits.

The Washington team goes to Elizabeth today, where they play a series of two games.

The score:

	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Paterson	0	0	3	0	2	0
Clayton, 3b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Fitzhugh, c.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Colburn, 3b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sheridan, 1b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Childs, 2b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Phib, 2b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
McConick, 2b.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Pickering, c.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Shaefer, p.	0	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	0	2	27	14	4	0

Washington.

	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Gilbert, c.	1	2	0	0	0	0
Conners, 1b.	0	0	1	1	0	0
Burke, 1b.	0	0	1	1	0	0
Shaugnessy, 1b.	0	2	2	0	0	0
McDermott, 2b.	1	1	2	0	0	0
Lynch, 2b.	0	0	1	0	0	0
Zannelli, 2b.	1	1	3	1	0	0
Wineberg, c.	0	1	4	1	0	0
Murray, p.	0	0	0	2	0	0
Longstreet, 2b.	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kaufmann, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	7	27	8	0	0

Paterson.

	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0

First base on balls—Off Shaefer, 1; off Longstreet, 2. Struck out—By Shaefer, 2; by Longstreet, 2. Two-base hit—Shaugnessy, Umpire—Mr. Queney.

TIE FOR BASKETBALL TITLE WILL BE PLAYED OFF NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

The basketball tie for the championship of the Washington City League will be played off in the drill hall of the Center Market Amory next Saturday night.

The contestants will be the Second Regiment and Y. M. C. A., who are tied for first place.

The Second Regiment team has already won the championship of the South Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union by defeating the Washington Y. M. C. A., and the Belvedere, of Baltimore, and is anxious to make a clean sweep by winning the Washington city title. There will be dancing after the game. Tom McGrew, Jack Gass, or "Shorty" Hughes will referee.

McFARLAND CONFIDENT OF OUTCOME OF HIS BOUT WITH BATTLER

NEW YORK, May 11.—Poor old Battling Nelson is going to meet Packey McFarland this month at Milwaukee in a ten-round go.

Packey says the Dane is a cinch. Attell said he was, too. So did a lot of others. Funny the "iron old" fellow is always there at the finish, isn't it? Funny they don't want to go forty-five rounds with him instead of ten? He might be a cinch, but Packey would just as soon swallow a circular saw as to sign up for more than ten rounds.



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